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SUMMARY: OAS IN HAITI SERVES PRINCIPALLY AS MEDIATOR FOR GOH WITH FOREIGN DONORS WITHIN JOINT COMMISSION FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. OAS ROLE HANDICAPPED BY ABSENCE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AND AVOIDANCE OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. US AND OAS CONSULT FREQUENTLY BUT OAS PROJECTS ARE GENERALLY MARGINAL IN ABSENCE GOH INTEREST. OAS CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE IMPROVED BY THE ASSIGNMENT OF A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, BY ASSUMING A MORE ACTIVE MEDIATING ROLE AND BY CONCENTRATING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON IMPROVING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY IN FISCAL AFFAIRS.

A. COUNTRY PERCEPTION OF OAS FIELD PROGRAM. HAITI SEES OAS AS USEFUL INSTITUTION, SERVING AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN HAITI AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER DONORS. ON FOREIGN POLICY SIDE, OAS SEEN AS INSTITUTION WHICH CAN HELP RESTORE RESPECTABILITY TO HAITI IN INTERNATIONAL SPHERE. ON DEVELOPMENT SIDE, OAS SEEN AS FRIENDLY ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN BE TRUSTED TO SERVE AS SECRETARIAT FOR JOINT COMMISSION WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER HAITI AND FOREIGN DONORS TO WORK ON AND DISCUSS ALL KEY QUESTIONS RELATING TO HAITI'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. OAS ALSO

SEEN AS SOURCE FOR ADVISORS IN SENSITIVE AREAS E.G. COORDINATION OF FOREIGN AID AND MATTERS RELATING TO BUDGET AND TAXES. VERY LITTLE ATTENTION GIVEN BY HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOH AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO OTHER ACTIVITIES OF OAS. THE OAS IS CURRENTLY SOMEWHAT HANDICAPPED BY ABSENCE OF A REGULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COUNTRY: (FYI: ACTING REPRESENTATIVE IS HAITIAN CITIZEN AND HE APPARENTLY FEELS IN AMBIGUOUS POSITION WHEN NEGOTIATING WITH GOH MINISTERS END FYI).

B. U.S. MISSION PERCEPTION:

1. BOTH USAID AND OAS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN CONADEP COORDINATION MEETINGS AND THERE ARE OTHER BILATERAL CONTACTS THROUGHOUT YEAR. USAID AND OAS WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER IN TECHNOLOGY FIELD. WE HAVE ALSO WORKED VERY CLOSELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH IICA.

2. SEVERAL OAS PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN QUITE USEFUL: OAS/ISRAELI COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT, OAS-IICA PROGRAM TO OBTAIN AGRICULTURAL PLANNERS AND HELPING MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A PLANNING SECTOR, RECENT SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY, ETC. HOWEVER, IN ABSENCE OF ANY RECENT COHERENT GOH REQUEST FOR OAS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THE LOCAL OAS OFFICE HAS BEEN FORCED TO PUT TOGETHER ITS OWN PROJECT LIST WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED BY GOH. CURRENT OAS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ONAAC RADIO EDUCATION PROJECT, "MODERNIZATION", PROJECT WHICH IS HELPING HANDICRAFT SECTOR BY IMPROVING POTTERS' WHEELS, ETC.; CANCER RESEARCH; RECUPERATION OF SALINE SOILS; UNIVERSITY SCIENCE TEACHING, INCLUDING HELP FOR SOIL LAB AT UNIVERSITY; AND SUGARCANE IMPROVEMENT. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY HAVE MERIT, BUT PROGRAM LACKS CENTRAL THEME AND INTERNAL COHESION.

3. OAS REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATES FULLY IN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS BUT NORMALLY DOES NOT RAISE ANY ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING FOR GOVERNMENT.

4. AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, OAS SEEN AS MEDIATOR RATHER THAN AS MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

5. RECOMMEND THAT OAS CONTINUE ITS ROLE AS MEDIATOR. HOWEVER, A NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE APPOINTED IF IT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THIS ROLE. HE SHOULD BE GIVEN A MEDIATION/COORDINATION MANDATE AND DIRECTED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE JOINT COMMISSION.

6. PROJECT SPECIFIC COMMENT: ALMOST ANY PROJECT CAN HAVE SOME USE IN HAITI. HOWEVER, THE OAS PROJECT PROGRAM APPEARS MARGINAL AND PROBABLY ISN'T COST EFFECTIVE. SHOULD

THE NEEDED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE BE APPOINTED PROMPTLY,
THE OAS COULD PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED ASSISTANCE IN NEEDED TAX
REFORM MATTERS AS WELL AS FISCAL OPERATIONS IN GENERAL.
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